

#### OFFICE OF MAYOR VIRG BERNERO 124 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE – NINTH FLOOR LANSING, MI 48933

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### Mayor Declares Snow Emergency

(LANSING) – In response to the hazardous conditions created by the extreme snow event now underway across the City of Lansing, Mayor Virg Bernero has declared a snow emergency in accord with the city's Emergency Management Ordinance.

# The mayor's declaration includes several emergency orders effective immediately and until further notice:

- Non-essential commercial, private and public travel on city roads is prohibited.
- Parking on all city streets is prohibited.
- Non-essential government facilities and services are closed tomorrow (Monday, January 6, 2014).
- All City of Lansing sponsored events or meetings are cancelled.

# The city's Emergency Operations Center has been activated and has taken the following measures:

- Implementation of an emergency vehicle access plan to support police, fire and EMS personnel responding to 911 calls for assistance.
- Implementation of a snow removal and ice management plan for all city streets, roads and right-of-ways.
- Implementation of an emergency sheltering and warming center plan.
- Implementation of a community-wide critical communications plan.

#### **Emergency and Non-emergency Calls**

**Please call 9-1-1 to report a life-threatening emergency.** Please call 2-1-1 for non-emergency information about warming centers, overnight shelters and other community resources.

#### **City Trash and Recycling Schedule**

City trash collection services will be delayed by 2 days from the normal schedule. To facilitate snow clearing operations, city residents are asked to remove their trash and recycling bins from the curbside immediately and place them back at the curbside on their rescheduled pickup date.

#### **Warming Centers**

Warming centers are available at the following city community centers during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday:

Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster

Gier Community Center 2400 Hall Street

Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center 5825 Wise Road

Letts Community Center 1220 W. Kalamazoo Street

### **Overnight Shelter**

City officials are working with the American Red Cross to determine the need to establish overnight shelters. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

#### **Sidewalks**

Lansing residents are reminded that city ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice within 24-hours after a storm event.